



AWFUL WRECK OCCURS

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Frightful Results.

ON ELEVATED TRACKS

One Person Killed—Forty Others
More or Less Seriously Injured.

TRAINS RUNNING PARALLEL

Rushing Along Parallel Tracks, Two
Trains Suddenly Come Together—Local
Train Switched from Third Track
to Fourth, Strikes Passenger Coach.

New York, Dec. 19.—In one of the most extraordinary accidents known to American railroading, two heavily loaded passenger trains came together on the elevated tracks of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad tonight in Harlem. One man was killed and 40, more or less seriously injured. Both colliding trains were East bound. One was the Stamford local, the other train was the Poughkeepsie express. Rushing along on parallel tracks, the two trains suddenly came together. The local was switched from the third track onto the fourth and in an instant the engine of the express crashed into the day coach following the smoking car of the local. The tracks at the point of the collision were about 30 feet in the air. This made the work of rescue difficult and lent materially to the terror of the passengers.

Fire apparatus was summoned and many persons were rescued by means of ladders placed against the structure. Serious injuries befell most of those in the car demolished by the Poughkeepsie express.

John D. Horn, engineer of the express train was arrested tonight on the charge of manslaughter and was later released on bail.

No one of the Poughkeepsie train as far as can be learned was hurt.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED

Senate in Executive Session Gets Busy Over Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Senate in executive session today confirmed the nominations of Charles W. Russell, of West Virginia, as assistant attorney general; register of the land office, Zenas Y. Coleman, of North Yakima, Washington. A long list of army nominations were confirmed. Among those held up were General Crozier, chief of ordnance and General Davis, judge advocate general.

CONTINUES DEBATE.

House Discusses Federal Control of Insurance Once More.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The House today continued the debate under the guise of referring to the message of the President to the committee, topics of interest, local or national. The subject of federal control of insurance was the main feature and nearly all the speakers began their remarks with reference

to it. The managers of the big insurance companies came in for criticism, the government was criticized for its lack of control in matters where it has jurisdiction and the states were reprimanded for the lax methods of control. The day passed without legislation.

DARING RESCUE.

Three Swimmers Save Two Laborers in East River Tunnel.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three daring swimmers today rescued two Italian laborers who were more than forty hours imprisoned in the East River tunnel of the Pennsylvania railway by a cave-in at the Long Island City end of the under water bore.

The men were almost exhausted when rescued. Previous to the feat of the swimmers, 200 workmen had boared through thirty four feet into a shell of concrete forty feet thick. The suggestion was made that the men could be rescued by swimming into the tunnel, and without thought of the consequence three expert swimmers volunteered to make the effort.

SENATE ACCEPTS REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Senate today accepted a report of the conference committee on the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill and thus, so far as it is concerned, finally disposed of the matter. The acceptance of the report was preceded by a brief discussion of the restoration bond provision to the appropriation bill and of the action of the house in rescinding the Senate's action in separating those two questions.

BOMB IS HURLED

Unknown Throws Infernal Machine Through Window.

BUT NO ONE IS KILLED

Bomb Is Thrown Into Office of Allied Iron Association in New York—Police Believe That Some Disgruntled Striker Wanted to Get Revenge.

New York, Dec. 19.—A bomb was hurled tonight through one of the front windows of the Allied Iron Association at No. 7 East 14th street. It landed in a room used for telephone purposes and exploded wrecking the place. Several employees were in the adjoining room but were only stunned by the explosion. Only fragments of the missile could be picked up in the wrecked room and no one was found who saw the person throw it.

The Allied Iron Association was formed recently when the Structural Iron Workers declared a strike against the contracting firm of Post and McCord. Its offices have been used as a bureau for the employment of non-union men to take the places of strikers.

SHE GOES BLIND

Mrs. Berry Has Eye Removed—Ammonia Used by Captors Destroyed Sight.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Ina Berry, late of Northport, Washington, who recently defied arrest for four days in a railway coach at Girard, Kansas, underwent an operation today in which her left eye was removed. Her eyesight was destroyed by the ammonia used by the captors in driving the woman from the coach. Mrs. Berry is an inmate of a sanitarium, in this city.

STRIKE THROUGHOUT ALL RUSSIAN EMPIRE

PROLETARIAT ISSUES THE SUMMONS TODAY

Responses Testifying to their Approval of the Action Taken Have Been Sent in By All The Unions in Russia.

STRIKE BEGINS THURSDAY NOON—TRANSPORTATION STOPS

The Leaders Declare Their Ability to Stop Every Train in Russia—This Means That in All the Empire Not a Train Will Run, or Telegraph Line Be Operated—Government Is Prepared to Use Force of Arms if It Should Become Necessary.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20, 2:05 a. m.—The call for a general strike throughout Russia to begin Thursday at noon was issued tonight. The call is approved by the Union of Unions, the Union of Peasants, the General Railway Union, and the Council of Workmen of St. Petersburg and Moscow. A response was received from the railroad men of Moscow which was unanimous for the strike.

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Lined Up for Battle.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Russia is apparently on the eve of a great if not final struggle for the mastery between the government and proletariat. Both sides are lined up for battle. Late this afternoon all indications pointed to a declaration of war between the proletariat in the form of a summons for a complete general strike tomorrow which will tie up the railroads, telegraphs, and every industry and business in the empire. All proletariat groups here have declared in favor of a general strike and the news when received by the workmen's council and allied bodies at Moscow also pronounced in favor of it. The decision of the central committee of the railroad union sitting at Moscow without the support of which the other organizations will probably not risk a battle, is not received, but it is known that delegates on the committee from St. Petersburg and the Baltic provinces are in favor of the movement and the leaders here are confident that the radicals will carry the day. Tomorrow Russia may again be cut off from the world not only by wire but by rails. There is an air of suppressed excitement throughout the city. The streets have a regular holiday appearance in honor of the emperor's name day, and are crowded. Collisions between the Reds and Loyalists are momentarily expected but none are reported up to the present. Batteries of machine guns are stationed at several points of vantage throughout the city and also infantry and cossacks are everywhere. An especially heavy guard is stationed in the neighborhood of the Jewish market.

The Molva, the name under which the suppressed Russ is now appearing declares the responsibility for a general strike will rest upon the shoulders of the government. It charges it is the purpose of Witte to postpone assembling the Duma until next summer and in the meantime to "pacify the country" in the old bureaucratic way. The emperor's name day is signalized by a declaration of martial law in the province of Suwalki, on the German frontier of Poland, and by feasting of the army in the country. The order for the improvement of the condition of the army and navy which preceded the announcement of measures for improvement of the status of privates, which was adopted "as a token of the emperor's good will toward his army,"

provides for an increase of the pitiful pay from \$1.35 per year to \$3 in case of ordinary privates and from \$3 to \$6 in the case of privates of the guard. At the same time the pay of non-commissioned officers is increased in proportion, in the case of the highest of sergeants, and major, amounting to \$36 per year. The strike order renders every member of the unions signing it liable to arrest and punishment under the new strike law and the minister of the interior, Durnovo attempted to telegraph orders to Moscow to arrest the members of the railroad union and the workmen's council but his dispatches were held up by the railroad telegraphers.

The members of the St. Petersburg council of workmen have been notified by the general railway union and Moscow council of workmen that in principle they are ready for a strike, but they hesitated on practical grounds. St. Petersburg leaders, however, felt their prestige would suffer severely unless they could answer the government's determined offense with a counter stroke; while many who were committed to full revolution secretly decided the ground would be swept from under their feet should the government promulgate a law granting universal suffrage.

FOUR MASTED SCHOONER IS REPORTED IN DISTRESS.

Seen Burning Distress Signals and Signalling for Tug Seven Miles South West of Carmanah Light.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19.—News received from Carmanah Point tonight states that at 9 P. M. A four masted schooner was burning distress signals and signalling for a tug seven miles south west of Carmanah light house at the entrance to the straits of San Juan de Fuca. The light keeper reported the schooner which was unloaded, to be in a bad fix. Her fore-sail was gone and she appeared to be having great difficulty to claw off the coast. A heavy sea is running.

SWORE FALSELY

Man Wanted to Get Married, But Gave Wrong Name—Arrested.

Santa Cruz, Cal., Dec. 19.—A warrant was issued today for the arrest of Dr. Arthur C. Prober, alias Clarence R. Davis, a banker and merchant of Ben Lomond on the charge of swearing falsely to his name in an affidavit for a marriage license. Back of this charge in general, is one that Davis is W. Prober, who is accused of having wrecked a bank at Dayton, Oregon about a year ago. He was married in November to Miss Olive Hume, society editor of the Fresno Democrat, who with her mother owns considerable property in Ben Lomond.

INSURANCE INVESTIGATION

Committee Is Delving Into Affairs of Washington Life Insurance.

New York, Dec. 19.—An inquiry into the affairs of the Washington Life Insurance Company was begun today by Insurance Investigation Committee. The president of the company testified to various reforms instituted by him since he took office in 1904 when the company was re-organized. Among these were the abolishing of the cash surrender value, and the limitation of the loan feature. So far Tatrok knew no campaign contributions were ever made by his company.

FIRE ON BLACKWELL'S ISLAND.

New York, Dec. 19.—Calls of assistance were sent to fire headquarters from Blackwell's Island in the East River on which the city work house and penitentiary are located. Two engines were sent. The fire can be seen from the city and appears to be serious. The fire is said to be in work house building where hundreds of prisoners are confined.

CONTRIBUTIONS LARGE.

New York, Dec. 19.—The contributions to the fund for the relief of Hebrew sufferers in Russia yesterday was \$10,233, bringing the grand total up to \$1,176,882. The largest contribution yesterday was \$2722 from the Orthodox Jews of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The benefit given by Samuel S. and Lee Shubert netted about \$2500.

HE MUST GO SLOW

Secretary Bonaparte Cannot Dismiss Midshipmen Hazers.

STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL

He Says That the Midshipmen Who Are Guilty of Hazing Must Be First Brought Before An Authorized Court-Martial and Given Trial.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Bonaparte has found he has no power to dismiss Midshipmen Coffin and Vandervere, charged with hazing and complicity in the hazing of Midshipman Kimbrough. This information was conveyed to him today by Attorney General Moody. A few days ago he submitted to the attorney general an abstract question whether, a cadet must be tried by court martial previous to his dismissal from the academy. Today the attorney general told the secretary his conclusion was adverse to the asserted right of the secretary to dismiss a midshipman and he promised to supply an opinion in full legal form within a short time. It is now the duty of Admiral Sands, superintendent of the academy to order Coffin and Vandervere before a court martial.

CHIEF OF POLICE KILLED

Struck by Timber in Mine—Was Waiting Trial for Murder.

Wallace, Idaho, Dec. 19.—Thomas H. Beck, chief of police of Wallace, while working as timberman in the Standard mine at Mase was killed today. He was struck by a timber hurled by an ore train in the tunnel. On August 26, he killed Oscar Olson, in a saloon fight and was awaiting trial for murder. Since his arrest he has not acted as chief, but was not removed.

AGED PIONEER WOMAN DIES AT VICTORIA

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Mary Cridge, wife of Bishop Cridge, the first Episcopal missionary to arrive on the Pacific coast died today at 79 years of age. She came to Victoria in 1855 when it was only a Hudson Bay fort.

SIGN FACTORY BURNS

Fireman and Several Employees are Lost.

NUMBER DEAD UNKNOWN

While Fire at Height Wall Collapsed Burying Fireman in Debris.

ONE FIREMAN CRUSHED

Panic Outbreak of Fire and Many of Employees Are Injured in Rush to Escape—Forty Girls, Thirteen Men and Boys Employed.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—One fireman was killed and several employees have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the enamel sign factory of the Charles M. Schenk-Company tonight. Until the ruins of the building are searched it will not be positively known whether any employees were killed either in the explosion which started the fire or by the falling walls and the floors which followed soon afterward. While the fire was at its height one of the walls suddenly collapsed and a number of firemen were precipitated in the debris. With the exception of Lieutenant Henry Bassett, who was crushed to death, all the firemen escaped with a severe shaking up. A number of employees were injured in the panic following the outbreak of the fire and for a time all sorts of rumors as to the number of persons killed were circulated.

There were forty girls and thirteen men and boys employed in the factory and according to the officials of the company all but two persons have been accounted for. The police and firemen, however, declare several employees were unable to make their escape, and were in the building at the time the floors and walls collapsed.

ARMENIANS THIS TIME.

They Rise and Slaughter the Turks and Burn Their Homes.

Constantinople, Dec. 19.—The latest dispatches received from Tiflis, Caucasasia, today say that 300 houses in the Musulman quarter were set on fire by armed Armenians, who prevented the inmates from leaving, and fired on the firemen who attempted to extinguish the flames.

The total number of Mussulmans killed is not yet ascertained, but 57 Turkish subjects are known to have perished. The fighting was continued December 17, when the telegram was forwarded, and the Turkish consulate was overcrowded with refugees.

A telegram of the same date from Batoum, Caucasasia, reports a continuance of the disorders there. Great fears of a massacre prevailed in the Musulman community.

The guniat transport Ismar has left Constantinople for Batoum to take off the Turks.

HOWE SOUND COPPER COMBINE IS ORGANIZED

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 19.—By the organization of the Howe Sound Copper Company, with a capital of five million

dollars all the copper property on Howe Sound will be united under one management. The company will be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.